

CONSTITUTION
OF
WHITE OAK POND CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)
RICHMOND, KENTUCKY

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PREAMBLE

We, the members of White Oak Pond Church Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Inc., of Richmond, Kentucky, a congregationally governed body, in order to promote the work of the church in the spirit of Jesus the Christ and thus advance God's Kingdom, do hereby adopt this constitution.

ARTICLE I. NAME, MISSION, AND VALUES

SECTION A. NAME

The name of this organization shall be White Oak Pond Church, Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Inc., affiliated with and committed to the historic principles of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the United States and Canada. The church is located at 1238 Barnes Mill Road, Richmond, KY 40475 (P.O. Box 2167)

SECTION B. MISSION STATEMENT

Accept one person at a time to Christ's never-ending forgiving love!

SECTION C. VALUES

1. We value acceptance.
2. We value diversity.
3. We value relevance (in the current world).
4. We value fun and enjoyment.

ARTICLE II. MEMBERSHIP

Membership in this congregation shall consist of those who are now members and those who unite with it by confession of faith and baptism, or by transfer of membership from another congregation or communion. Voting and serving privileges and responsibilities shall be accorded to all members, no matter the age who have shown a genuine interest and involvement through attendance, service, prayers, and/or stewardship giving.

ARTICLE III. AUTHORITY

The basic authority shall be in the congregation acting through its Official Board, officers of the Official Board, Executive Committee of the Official Board, committees, and other groups and servants engaged in the work of the church, whose acts shall always be subject to the approval or disapproval of the congregation when called on as a body. Voting privileges shall be accorded to all persons enrolled as members of White Oak Pond Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

ARTICLE IV. LEADERSHIP OF THE CONGREGATION AND MEMBERS OF THE OFFICIAL BOARD

SECTION A. SERVANT LEADERS

Elders and Deacons shall be elected by the church at its annual business meeting and installed into service as directed by the by-laws. Elders and Deacons will be considered servant leaders and will serve the congregation as such. Elders will contribute to the congregation's spiritual welfare. Deacons, in cooperation with the Elders, will respond to congregational needs.

SECTION B. OFFICIAL BOARD OFFICERS

A chairperson, vice-chairperson, secretary and treasurer will be elected to serve the Official Board. They will be elected at the Annual Business Meeting.

SECTION C. THE OFFICIAL BOARD

1. The Official Board shall consist of:
 - a. Elders of the congregation.
 - b. Deacons of the congregation.
 - c. The chairperson or a designated representative of all board-sanctioned organizations of the church.
 - d. Officers of the official board
2. It shall be the duty of the Official Board (but not limited to):
 - a. To consider and recommend to the congregation general policies and budgets
 - b. To transact the business of this church
 - c. To administer the programs and ministries of the church
3. All standing or special committees shall be formed as required to administer properly the work of the church. These committees shall serve for a period of one (1) year or such period as designated by the Official Board at the time of establishment. Chairpersons of such committees shall be appointed by the board chair and approved by the Board. Appointment of committee members will rest with the committee chair.
4. The Official Board shall perform its duties according to the authority granted in this constitution, by-laws or designated by the church. A report shall be made at least annually to the congregation.

SECTION D. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

1. The Executive Committee of the Official Board may meet between regular Board meetings as necessary to facilitate Board-related decisions in consultation with the minister(s).

2. The persons serving on this committee shall be: Chairperson of the Board, Vice-chairperson of the Board, Chair of the Eldership, Chair of the Diaconate, the Treasurer and the Secretary of the Official Board. The immediate Past Chair of the Board and the Minister(s) shall serve in an ex officio role.
3. Any person serving on this committee may call a meeting for emergency reasons.
4. Any action or proposed action taken by this committee will be reported and/or acted upon by the Board.

ARTICLE IV. OFFICIAL BOARD MEETINGS

The Official Board:

1. Shall hold regular meetings.
2. Shall hold special meetings as requested by four (4) or more members of the Official Board (a minimum of one (1) week notice is required to call a special Board meeting).

ARTICLE V. MEETINGS

SECTION A. CONGREGATIONAL MEETINGS

The church shall hold congregational meetings as follows:

1. An annual business meeting in December for the election of officers, approval of the annual budget, and other business will be held for the coming year.
2. Special meetings as required; such meetings are to be called at the request of the Official Board or by receipt of a written petition of ten or more members of the church.

SECTION B. NOTICE

Notice of all regular or special business meetings of the congregation shall be given in writing (including electronic communication) at least two (2) weeks prior to the meeting, and announced at the regular worship service one (1) week before the meeting. An agenda for the meeting will be communicated one (1) week before and only agenda items will be considered.

SECTION C. RULES OF ORDER

All business meetings shall open and close with a prayer and be governed by *Robert's Rules of Order, Revised*. A quorum, the number needed to be present in order that business can be conducted, will consist of those who attend the meeting, provided it is either a stated meeting or one that has been properly called.

ARTICLE VI. AMENDMENTS

This constitution may be amended at any congregational meeting of the church by a two-thirds vote (abstentions not counted) of the members present and voting on the amendments. Written notice of the proposed amendments will be provided to the members of the congregation at least two (2) weeks in advance.

ARTICLE VII. ADOPTION

Upon adoption of this constitution by the congregation, all rules, regulation or plans of procedure under which this church has previously operated that do not agree with this constitution are hereby repealed and annulled.

This constitution is revised and adopted on December 8, 1985, at the annual congregational meeting.

This constitution was further revised on December 13, 1987, at the annual congregational meeting.

This constitution was further revised on September 29, 1996, at a special congregational meeting.

This constitution was again revised on December 29, 1996, at the annual congregational meeting.

This constitution was again revised on March 25, 2001, at a special called congregational meeting.

This constitution was again revised on September 11, 2016, at a special called congregational meeting.
